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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Examiner Anatoly Vortman / AU 2835. (3) _____

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Date of Interview: 04 February 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: US/5,880,928 to Ma.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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ANATOLY VORTMAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER



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The Applicant's representative had inquired on how to amend the claim in order to make it allowable. The Examiner had stated that in order to support functional language of the claim and to claim around Ma reference, the specific new structural limitations must be introduced into the claim or "means plus function" clause must be used in the claim in order to invoke 35 USC 112 paragraph 6. In alternative, the Examiner had suggested that independent claim 1 may be combined with previously objected (i.e. allowed) claim 8, thus placing the claim in allowable condition .



ANATOLY VORTMAN
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